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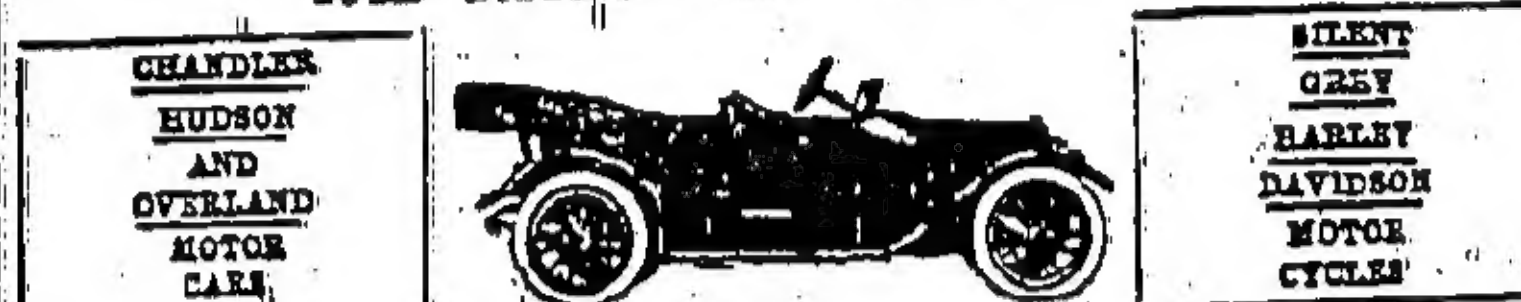
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THE AFGHAN BOTHER.

SIMLA, June 9.
The village of Badher south of Peshawar was suspected of harbouring bad characters, so it was surrounded by cavalry and several arrests were made. Afghan troops are still active on the Peshawar border. Nadir Khan has reached Matun with Afghan troops and the tribesmen he incited to rise. The Afghans betrayed them. Lashkars at Derajat are reported to be dispersing, but the Arzi post, 15 miles north of Tank, was attacked by Bhitannas and Mahsuds. The situation at Zhob has improved but gangs of tribesmen are still about and the localities remain unsettled.

SIMLA, June 10.
The Afghans who were dispersed near villages are reported to be turning in small parties to Jallalabad. Since the air raids ceased the Afridi outlaws and other bad characters have established themselves at Kajri south of Jamrud. They made some minor raids in the Peshawar district. The withdrawal of Afghan troops from Peshawar has commenced, presumably on receipt of orders to cease fighting. Our Tochi column is continuing its punitive measures against offending Wazir villages. The special column reached Jandola on the 9th. It was unopposed by the garrison, is well, and sustained only a few casualties. They severely punished the enemy with rifle and gunfire.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

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A GILBERTIAN SITUATION.

PEKING, June 11.
Parliament this afternoon discussed the President's letter of resignation, but took no action because it was not countersigned by the Premier. A curious situation thus arises. The Premier cannot resign because, presumably, there is no President; and the President cannot resign because there is no Premier.

THE QUORUM FOR THE BUDGET.

Parliament also discussed the Budget, but action was impossible as, owing to some members leaving, there were not sufficient to form a quorum.

THINGS SEEN.

THE BARGAIN.

Market day at Beersheba. From early morning the town had been the hub of a wheel, to which ran spokes from every part of the desert; thin lines of travellers following tracks presumably defined, but indistinguishable to the European eye. All modes of travel were represented, and all colours of men. Here a pale type led the sturdy white donkey of the country with a mother and child on his back; there a swarthy Arab, spotlessly garbed, looked down from the saddle of his tall riding camel.

On the whole, it was not a well-clad crowd. Dinky is the word to describe the chaffers in wares ranging from necklaces of Mecca cherry stones, carved and coloured, to grain weighed in scales with crude stone weights, from eggs to calico, oranges to soft-haired baby camels. As dinky as any was he who sought to buy one of the camels. Thirty-five pounds was asked, and thirty offered (as an obliging Egyptian policeman interpreted to the Soldier), and neither party looked the possessor of thirty pence. The seller expatiated on the beauty of the animal, the buyer on the charms of money, but his expiation was by deed, not word.

From somewhere among his torn and tarnished robes he produced a bag and let the gold jingle through his fingers—gold of all nations, enough to buy half a dozen camels. Far more of it than the Soldier had seen since the introduction of paper currency.

Through the friendly policeman he bought an English sovereign by way of souvenir for an Egyptian pound note and two packets of cigarettes. T. H. in the Daily Chronicle.

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HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major G. H. Wakeman, V.D., Acting Administrative Commandant.

TRANSFERS.

No. 456 Company Sergeant-Major F. L. Cooke is transferred from "A" Company to "B" Company, dated 12.6.19.

No. 632 Pte. C. I. Ellis is transferred from "B" Company to the Engineer Company, dated 13.6.19.

LEAVE.

L. Corp. A. O. Long, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave from 10.7.19.

Pte. E. Howard, Mounted Sec., is granted nine months' leave from 8.7.19.

Gnr. K. Brumby, Art. Coy., is granted three months' leave from 12.6.19.

Pte. A. A. Clouston, "A" Coy., is granted two months' leave from 7.8.19.

Gnr. F. M. H. Holman, Art. Coy., is granted three months' leave from 12.6.19.

Pte. T. R. Pearce, "B" Coy., is granted four months' leave from 8.7.19.

Pte. N. Drummond, "B" Coy., is granted 10 months' leave from 1.7.19.

Pte. W. Peters, M. G. Coy., is granted three months' leave from 12.6.19.

Sgt. E. M. Raymond, Eng. Coy., is granted nine months' leave from 5.7.19.

ALLOTMENT OF RIFLE RANGE.
King's Park Range is allotted to the 2nd Punjab from 20th June to 4th July, inclusive, from 7.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. daily. Sundays excluded.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADE AT BELCHERS BATTERY.
Monday, 16th June.—5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill, with the exception of new Layers' class.

Tuesday, 17th June.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers' class. 5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers' class.

Thursday, 19th June.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers' class.

Friday, 20th June.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill, with the exception of new Layers' class. 5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers' class.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain R. Hall.

PARADE.
The whole Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground for Infantry instruction at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, June 20th, and every alternate Friday at the same hour and place until further orders. Dress: Drill order (shorts and puttees).

D.E.L. INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES.
Recruits will parade for D.E.L. instruction under R.E. instructors at Belchers at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. These classes are obligatory for all who have not passed for the "Proficient" (1st) rating. Officer on duty: Lieut. Munley.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major Wakeman, V.D., Officer Commanding.

"A" COMPANY.
Monday, 16th June.—5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 15 and 19. Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 17th June.—5.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress: Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 18th June.—5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 17 and 19. Dress: Drill order with pouches. 5.30 p.m. No. 3 Platoon, at Headquarters. T.E.T. Rifle, belt, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried.

Friday, 20th June.—5.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3. Practices 15 and 19. Dress: Drill order with pouches.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
Monday, 16th June.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Guns, at Kennedy Road Range. T.E.T. (Musketry) Grouping with Miniature ammunition.

Friday, 20th June.—5.10 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Guns, at Kowloon Dock. T.E.T. (Musketry). Rifle, belt, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried.

SIGNALING SECTION.
Tuesday, 17th June.—5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. T.E.T. Rifle, belt, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried. The following will attend to complete their tests: Privates P. Tang and Murgard.

URAL CASPIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting was held at Winchester House, London, on April 25 for the purpose of increasing the capital to £2,000,000 by the creation of 1,000,000 shares of £1 each, ranking *pari passu* with the existing shares.

The Hon. Reginald Parker, who presided, said that shortly after the shareholders met last July the board received information that the Bolshevik Government had, by decree of June 15, 1918, nationalized many industries—among them the oil industry—without compensation to existing owners. They submitted a claim on the company's behalf for the value of their business, stocks, and damage sustained, to the British Government, for presentation in due course to the Russian Government. So far as loss and damage were concerned, this claim still stood, but the successful operations of the anti-Bolshevik Russian armies, with the aid of British forces, in the Caucasus, had resulted in the cancellation of the nationalization decree of the oil fields in the district, and thus the original owners were reinstated. In the company's district some sort of order had been maintained throughout by the Cossacks, and so far as the directors were aware there had been no serious damage. It was, of course, impossible to dispose of their stocks, as their only market was via Astrakhan, which was still in the hands of the Bolsheviks. It was hoped, however, that when the thawset in the loyal forces would be able to free Astrakhan from the Bolsheviks and thus open up the channel for trade.

Meanwhile, he was glad to be able to state that their stocks were intact, and should, if sold at the prices now ruling, nearly compensate for the depreciated value of the rouble. Their concession rights appeared to be secure; in fact, Mr. Kerbert, their manager, had obtained confirmation of the granting of additional prospecting licences, which had been withheld hitherto. The question of prolongation of existing licences was being taken up with the Siberian Government, and the directors were quite hopeful that these extensions would be granted. The proposed increase of capital, viz., £1,000,000, was large, but not any too large for the future development of their important field. They did not want all—or anything like all—the money at present, but if they were to get things going they must have money. The new issue, which had received Treasury sanction, would be 100,000 shares of £1 each, or one new share at par for every ten at present held. Should any of these shares not be taken up by the shareholders the directors and their friends are prepared to take up the balance.

The resolution submitted was unanimously adopted.

STRIKES IN MONTREAL.

The strike fever, which to a large extent has interfered with the general business of Montreal during the end of April shows symptoms of declining. The carters' strike, which has lasted over a week with such complete delay in the street transportation of goods, is expected to end with mutual concessions on the part of employers and employees. During the continuation of the strike of carters the business of the City has been seriously interfered with, many shops being unable to secure or deliver goods, while the carters tried to tie up the business of the whole city through the co-operation of the Railway Freight Handlers' Union. The latter called a general strike and expected 4,000 men to join, which should have resulted in completely paralysing the business of the city, but so far has failed in its purpose, about 800 men joining the strike, chiefly employees of the Grand Trunk.

In addition to these strikes the employees of sugar refineries at Montreal on April 24 declared a strike, demanding an increase of 10c per hour, while the companies offered a compromise of 2c per hour increase. The result of the series of strikes is having a serious effect on the business, both of the city and the whole country.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. O. Brown.

STRENGTH.
Cadet W. C. Winterbottom joined on 6th instant and is posted to Section 3.

Cadet K. Wilson joined on 6th instant and is posted to Section 2.

PARADE—BATHING.
Lunch will leave Blake Pier on Wednesday, 19th instant, at 5 p.m., and call at Kowloon 10 minutes later.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, June 18, 1919.

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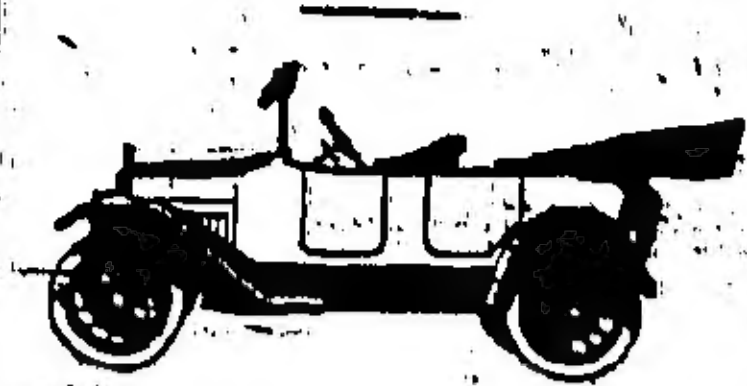
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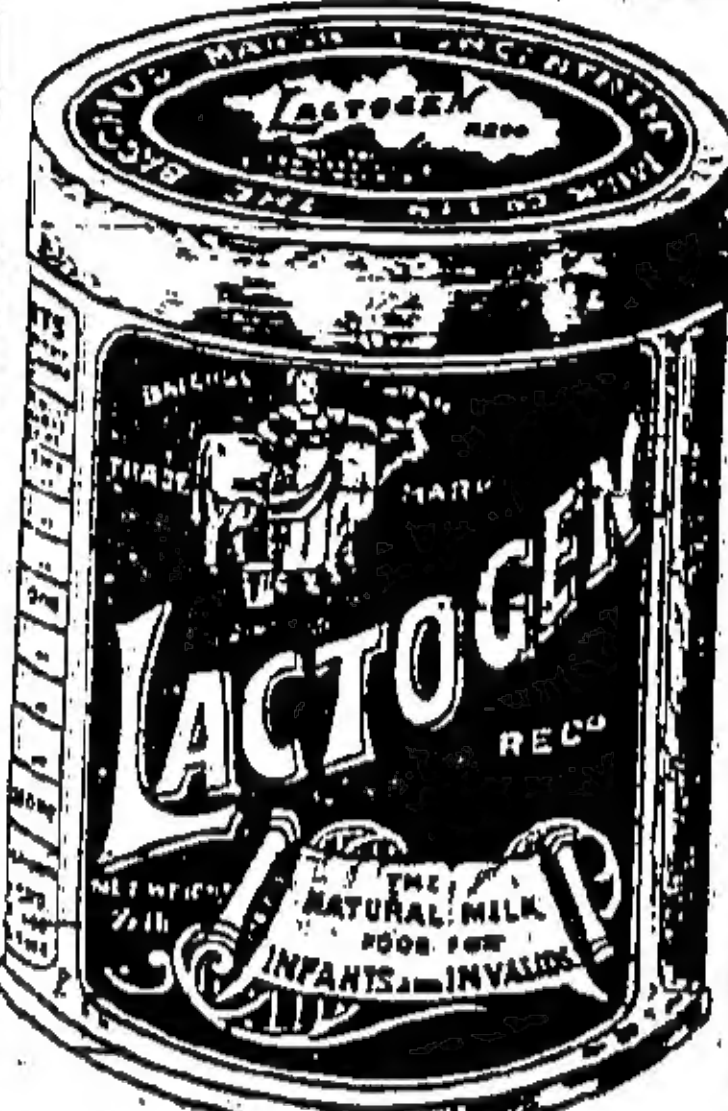
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R. H. B. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, June 12, 1919.**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.****NOTICE.**THE Business hitherto conducted by
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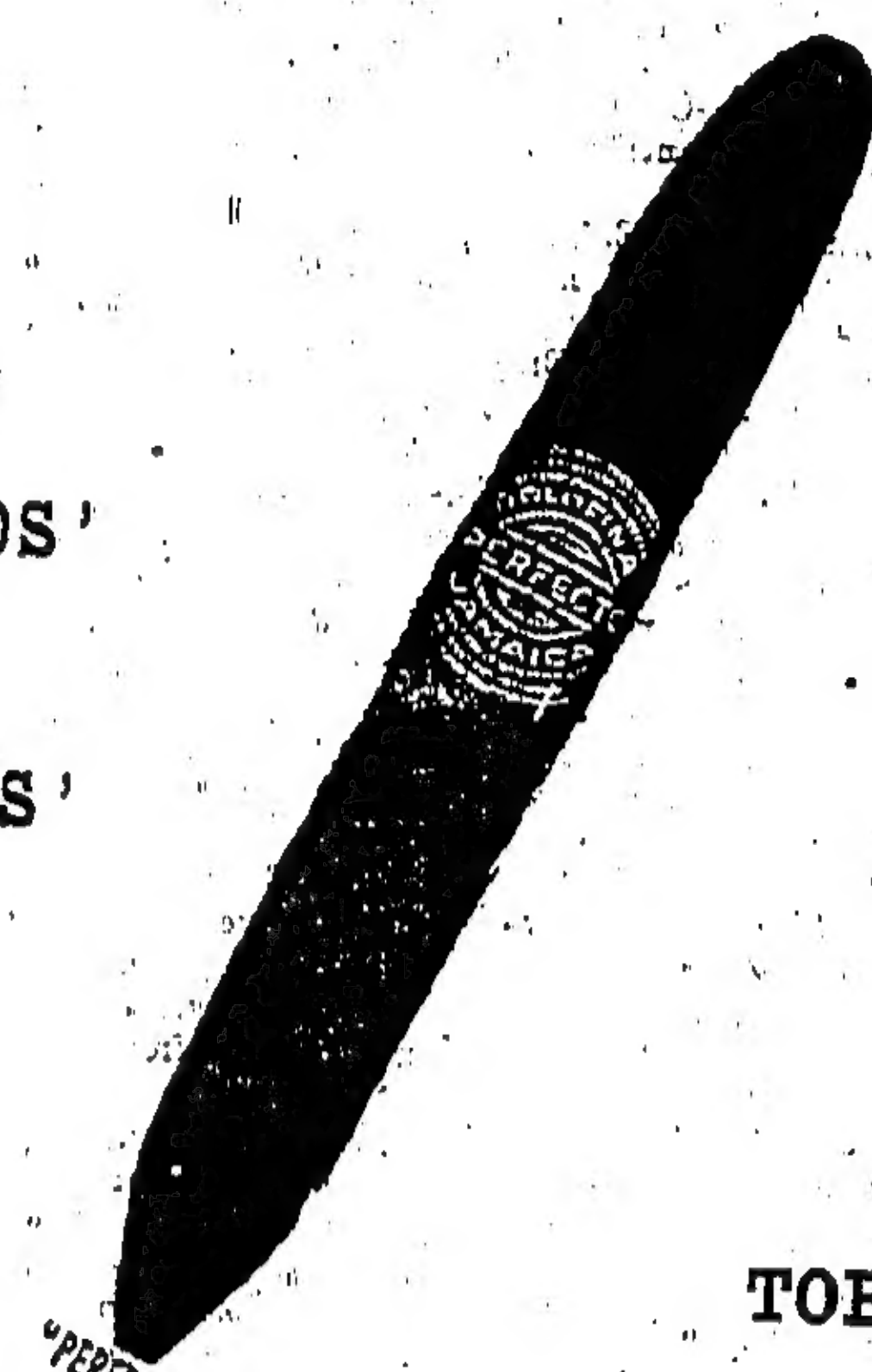
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ENGLISH CHURCH.****A CLERGYMAN'S PROTEST.**A Pontifical celebration of the
Serbian Orthodox Liturgy took place
at St. Augustine's Church, South
Kensington, on April 7, in the pre-
sence of Bishop Bury, the Church of
England. Bishop of Central Europe,
Zemsky, vicar to the Patriarch of
Carlovitz, Jugo-Slavia, and amongst
the other clergy present was the
Bishop of Cyprus.
Bishop Bury, in the course of a
short address, welcomed the visitors
on behalf of the whole English
Church. It was, he said, a compara-
tively short time since first the
Orthodox Liturgy was celebrated in
an English church, and the Liturgy
was endeared to him by some of the
most sacred associations of his life.
We were living in great days,
especially for the Jugo-Slavs, and the
English Church hopefully and con-
fidently gave them good wishes for
the future.
During the service there was a
slight interruption on the part of a
clergyman seated amongst the con-
gregation. Rising from his seat, he
exclaimed in a voice which could be
heard all over the church: "I as a
beneficed clergyman in the Church
of England protest against this
idolatry in the Church of England."
No notice was taken of the interrup-
tion and the service was proceeded
with.**WORLD'S LARGEST OIL
TANKER.**British enterprise in the petroleum
industry was again in evidence this
week, says *The Financialist* of April 12,
when the official trials of the *San
Florentino* were carried out. This
enormous vessel, which has been
built on the Tyne, and was launched
last December, carries over 15,000
tons of oil, and is going into the
Mexican trade. She was designed
by and built for Lord Cowdray's
interests, which also made the pre-
vious great step in oil tanker ship-
building six years ago, when they
initiated a class of vessel to carry
about 15,500 tons each—a quantity
much larger than any tank steam-
ship had then carried. The *San
Florentino* is one of a group of five
new vessels of similar size and
capacity, and will be used in bringing
oil from the Mexican fields. It is
understood that she proceeds to Hull
this week, to take on sufficient oil
fuel to carry her to Tampico, in
Mexico, where she will load with a
cargo of oil products for this country,
subsequently proceeding to Tuxpam
to take on oil fuel for the homeward
voyage.**EX-SOLDIERS DETAINED
AT NEW YORK.****REGARDED AS ALIENS BY
THE U.S. AUTHORITIES.**After being held virtually prisoners
at New York on April 8, on board
the *Mauretania* for 24 hours, because
the immigration officials were unable
to determine their status under the
immigration laws, 2,700 war veterans,
the majority of them Americans who
had served with the British Army,
were allowed to leave the vessel for
Camp Mills, under American army
jurisdiction, where they will await a
settlement of the question.
According to the immigration
authorities the *Mauretania* arrived
without a manifest list, and they
say that many of those on board had
never set foot on the soil of the
United States, having gone to Eng-
land to enlist from the West Indies
and other territories not under the
American flag. Those able to prove
their citizenship will be allowed to
depart for their homes shortly, but
all others desiring to remain have
come in under the immigration laws.
Two hundred Canadians on board
the *Mauretania* will be sent im-
mediately to Canada.
The immigration authorities are
undecided whether the Cunard Com-
pany is liable to a fine of \$2 for
each passenger for the absence of a
manifest list.**OFFICIAL ENGLISH.**Truth says:—My attention has
been called to the following specimen
of "English as she is wrote" in Gov-
ernment offices, and I reprint it for
the admiration of the English-speaking
world at large. For its due apprecia-
tion it should be borne in mind that
this farrago of gibberish is designed
for the instruction of "the simple
sailor man." I have thought of offer-
ing a suitable prize for a translation
of it into intelligible English, but, on
reflection, I do not see why I should
pay for work which Government
servants are paid to do, and which is
done like this:—It shall be a condition of
the award of a supplement-
ary separation allowance that
the seaman or marine in respect
of whom it is claimed, shall have
declared in favour of the claimant a
weekly allotment from his wages
which (a) if his full pay and allowances
in the nature thereof, including war
bonus, do not exceed 22s. 6d. a week,
is not less than 1s. 6d. a week, or
(b) if his full pay and allowances in
the nature thereof exceed 22s. 6d. a
week, is not less than the weekly
excess of such full pay and allow-
ances over 21s., provided that if the
excess be not an exact multiple of
6d. it shall be not less than the
precise multiple of 6d. next below
such excess.**GIRLS: MARRY SAILORS.**The personnel of the Navy has re-
ceived considerable increases of pay.
There is a great deal in
what Admiral Beatty said to
the girls at the Liverpool Seamen's
Orphanage. With a smile the gallant
sailor remarked that the girls of the
institute could not join the navy or
the mercantile marine, and he jok-
ingly added: "But you can marry
sailors, and that is the best thing you
can do. They say sailors make the
best husbands in the world."Without fear of contradiction, a
London writer declares that the
sailor does make the best of husbands.
His early training and life at sea
both help in this respect.
Life on board ship is a domestic
life. During long voyages the sailor-
man is entirely dependent upon his
own resources. Every kind of work
aboard ship is done by the sailors
themselves, from navigating the
vessel to peeling the potatoes.
The neatness and orderliness of
ship-board is a sailor's pride, and
these two qualities are reflected in
"Jack" himself. Who has not seen
a washing-day at sea? Jack does all
his washing himself, for you cannot
call in a charlady at sea. Jack mends,
and often makes, his own clothes.
The admiration of all females on
ship-board is the brilliancy of the
brasswork, and the snow whiteness
of the decks.Where is the "land-lubber" who
would wash his own linen? Would
he even with good grace sew on a
trousers button? Or what would his ex-
pression be were he expected to clean
the kitchen floor or polish the front
door brass step? It would be per-
haps only after a great amount of
persuasion he would paint the back-
yard gate.I know a retired petty officer whose
wife is a semi-invalid. He does most
of the house work, and their home is
a picture of neatness. He "holy-
stones" the floors regularly once a
week. The copper kettles and pans
can be used as looking-glasses. There
is no blistering paintwork around the
window-frames, and the way he cooks
the Sunday joint is a treat.As a sick nurse he has no equal.
The family washing to him is mere
child's play, and the buttons he sews
on never come off.Long before his son and heir was
old enough to be "breeched" he
made him a little sailor suit—in true
man-o'-war pattern—to be ready for
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WAR AND DIVORCE.
REMARKABLE FIGURES.

The Hilary Law Term has been conspicuous by reason of a few big battles on the King's Bench front and by the multitude of matrimonial squalls—both big and little—which have drifted through the division in which the divorce judges have to determine the delicate problems raised by husbands and wives.

In 12 weeks—the judge was absent one of the 13 weeks through illness—Mr. Justice Coleridge, almost unaided, has accounted for some 550 undefended suits, over 100 defended suits, and a handful of common jury suits which were down for hearing at the beginning of Hilary. He will now have made an inroad into another couple of hundred from the supplemental list, and taking into account causes removed from the reserve list and specially entered cases since the original list was printed, the divorce "clearing" for the term will represent the record figure for a single judge of little less than a thousand cases.

The High Divorce Bill is another result of the war—and legal prophets predict it will assume enormous dimensions as men become freer to examine affairs at home.

When the war started there was no very noticeable increase, but the last Michaelmas sittings and the Hilary sittings show astounding and record increases, especially in the suits in the undefended lists. In the Michaelmas term 1914 the total of 389 cases set down for trial included no more than 265 undefended suits, 71 defended, and 53 common jury. At Michaelmas 1916 the numbers were 395 undefended, 88 defended, and 33 for common juries—total 495.

Last year the Michaelmas term opened with 732 undefended cases (many were added later), 115 defended cases, 70 common jury, and 18 special jury cases.

Appended are the statistics of undefended cases only for the Hilary sittings in the years 1914 to 1919:—

Year	Undefended Cases
1914	249
1915	371
1916	351
1917	423
1918	467
1919	536

* There were supplemental lists, which in 1919 added 384 to the total, and some 100 others were added from the Reserve List and by application.

The drop in 1916 is curious. It was apparently a year of slump, for the Trinity term undefended figures only totalled 171. Since then the totals have been growing so rapidly as to threaten an embarrassing burden of work for the officials who have to grapple with them.

Mr. Justice Coleridge, in his Easter week, has the knowledge that there are another 700 undefended cases to begin the Easter sittings with, to say nothing of a heavy defended load of matrimonial suits.

The Navy and Army are represented in the figures of the Eternal Triangle, and how the Poor Persons Rules have supplied facilities for cheaper divorce and an easier road to freedom is now pretty well-known.

Mr. Adrian Hassard-Short, the secretary of this department, says there is an increasingly heavy tax on his resources in meeting the demands of applicants. The department is becoming more popular the more widely it is known. In 1914, the year the Poor Persons' Rules were introduced, applications came in with a rush, as many as 2,533 being made; in 1915 there was a drop to 1,387, in 1916 an advance to 1,532, and in 1917 a rise to 3,033.

At the end of 1918 Mr. Hassard-Short's ledger showed a record bound to 4,429. And 1919 is going to top everything, for already he has received 2,421 applications for aid under the Poor Persons' Rules, made up as follows:—

Month	Applications
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HELSBY.—On June 5, Dorothy Maud, daughter of F. G. Helsby, aged three years.

SLAAN.—On June 5, at Shanghai, Robert John Sloan, M.D., aged 81 years.

The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1919.

HAWKER.

This is not an article about the intrepid airman of that name. It is a contribution to the discussion about the word hawker as applied to trade, inaugurated at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. Alabaster. It is regrettable that His Excellency the Governor was not able to take part. He could and probably would have brightened the discussion.

The serious side to it, of course, is that the use of the wrong word in an Ordinance of the kind would have meant needless trouble later, expensive legal arguments, and the possible frustration of justice. The Attorney General wasn't ready with the right substitute, nor were the others prepared, apparently, so the job stands over for a committee. The maritime store dealers have assistants (is that the missing word?) who may buy but not sell, under clause IX of the new Ordinance. Call him the agent, and let clause IX stipulate that the maritime store dealer's agent may be a buying agent but not a selling agent. That would be clear enough. Failing that the committee have their choice of commissary, factor, handler, representative, plenipotentiary, delegate, buyer (the actual word used in some trades for that class of assistant) or monger—a word that likes us.

Here an end of our assistance to the committee responsible. They are quite welcome.

Mr. Alabaster was right in saying that hawker was not the right word. A hawker must sell or starve, and to pass an ordinance expressly forbidding a seller to sell would be cruel, as cruel as our ancestors' wicked old Tories, who were responsible for the interesting definition Mr. Alabaster cited. To them a hawker was "a deceitful person who sells goods in the high-ways and byways instead of in the

market place," according to the report of the Legislative Council. A hawker is a peripatetic salesman. Any true definition of the term must comprise the function of carrying goods to the customer as well as of selling. A shopkeeper sells but does not hawk; his customers come to him. It is many years since we saw Stone's Justices' Manual (a book almost as interesting as the Bible) but we believe that Stone makes this distinction between hawking and peddling—that a hawker uses a vehicle and or an animal, while the peddler is his own beast of burden and trades foot. If it isn't in Stone, it is so in Police practice, and we believe that at home there are two separate licences, one for hawking, the other for peddling.

Needless to say we protest earnestly at such disrespectful definitions as were quoted, in so far as they impugn deceit and cheating to these useful and interesting tradesmen. In the days of good King Hal (25 Henry VIII c. 9 sec. 6) they might be "evil disposed persons which commonly be called hawkers... buying and selling of Brasse and Pewter." Actors, stage players, to whom modern kings give knighthoods, were then legally rogues and vagabonds. So were many other quite decent people.

A similar word is huckster, which may or may not have had the same derivation. The Encyclopedia Britannica suggests the German *hocken* (to squat or sit on the "hucklebone") or Dutch *hoek* (a hole or corner) but we are not inclined to accept that. It is too far-fetched. An old English word *hook* (to get by picking or plucking) is just as probable an origin. The predatory ranging of the bird of prey has also to be noted as a possible clue; likewise "hook," on which the hawker's goods might hang. The country people remote from shops really found these men useful, and there are parts of England where they are still welcome, though these are few now. While on the subject of derivations we may as well note the Encyclopedia Britannica's positive statement that the origin of peddler is to be found in the still older word *pedder*, one who carries about goods for sale, in a *ped*, a basket or hamper. Our preference is for the same derivation that gives us pedestrian, which is borne out by the Police practice at home before referred to. A *pedder*, in one rural dialect we know, is not a peddler but a basket-maker, a weaver of hampers. Perhaps some Scottish reader can tell us. Don't they call the Egyptians peddler in some parts of Caledonia?

Turning up the Encyclopedia for one thing has confirmed our notion of another. It is the *Pedlars' Act 1871* (quoted by Stone) which defines a peddler as one "without any horse or beast" who "travels and trades

on foot." The Hawkers Act 1888 defines the hawker as one "with a horse or other beast of burden etc." The peddler's licence costs five shillings, and is often a camouflage for mendicancy. The hawker's licence costs forty shillings, and on the old-fashioned terms of issue (references, etc.) is a guarantee that the possessor wears the white flower of a blameless life, except, perhaps, for the matter of a little poaching, which is a gentlemanly peccadillo anyway. In both cases the highways are implicated, and romance, and the spirit of Merrie England.

To have hobbled with prancing pro-consuls and parliament men furnishes a few interesting recollections, but the real treasures of memory appertain to days with those gentry of the road, the hawkers, packmen, chapmen, hucksters, peddlers, blegiers, Cheap Jacks, regraters, colporteurs, gypsies, tinkers, merchants of trove, and other venturers of the winding ways of the country side. The mingled scents of hawthorn and tobacco are revived for us by this *prima facie* dry debate in our Legislative Council. For though the writer never was a hawker he was a hiker, which is an American idiom that very probably shares with our hawker the same derivation.

REGISTERING A LETTER.

The Hongkong Post Office cannot be likened to the thatched cottage in the poem, whose outside was "old and mean." Externally it is a business-like building. Parts of it inside are quite well arranged. A *China Mail* reader who went to register a letter called our attention to the room in which that branch of postal business was done. We did not see it as he saw it, but could well imagine what it was like. The space for the public is a narrow *cul de sac*, about five feet wide, and when our informant went it was packed with Chinese and looked more like a football scrimmage than a place for men doing business in an orderly manner. There are two *grilles*, and he suggests that one should be reserved for Europeans. He asks what it would be like for a European lady to have to struggle out of such a trouble. He says the danger is a treble one, and talks of thieves, microbes, and asphyxia. His alarm is justified but we cannot agree that his remedy would be adequate. Perpend. Call the two *grilles* *a* and *b*. Let *b* be at the inner end of the *cul de sac*. If *a* were reserved for Europeans, they would still be discommoded by the mob festing and struggling to or from *b*. If *b* were reserved for them, they would never get near it. What is obviously required, if there are to be such crowds on mail days, is a larger room. Something like the hall in which the stamps are sold would do, but in any case a change should be made. Why cannot the registration department be on the same floor, anyway?

A remark made by the cable office official in the interview with our reporter reminds us that in one thing the Hongkong newspapers deserve well of the public. The war cost us more than it gave us. Paper was dearer, wages were higher, advertisements were fewer. Many people have the idea that was help the papers, by giving them news which the public eagerly buys. Big or little, important or obscure, the experience of all journals is exactly otherwise. Here in Hongkong our expenses rose enormously, our income dwindled considerably, and we never raised our rates. Next time you hear one of those cheap cynics that abound here, opening wide his foolish face to jeer at Hongkong journalism, just try the effect of these simple facts upon him—especially if he happen to be a retailer.

CODLIN'S YOUR FRIEND.

The Mitsubishi Company has purchased the quays, warehouses and other properties formerly owned by a German firm at Shanghai and has conveyed them to a new company specially floated for the purpose of managing them. The new concern is called the Kwanyo Warehouse Company and has its office on Canton Road.

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POLICE RESERVES.

We do not know who the gentleman is who writes the Hongkong notes for the N.C. *Daily News*, but like almost everybody else nowadays he reads the *China Mail*. That is evident internally. His references to the recent Police Reserves row exhibit a fair example of special pleading, of glowing facts, and so on. He must be a journalist. We think he must be, if only because of his comment about "all sorts of charges regarding Prussianism and slavery, etc., being loosely bandied about." "Loosely bandied" is a familiar bit of journalistic phrase that has brightened life for us, like the grin of an old, old friend. We thank our unknown colleague. *Præcepto monitus, sæpe te considera.*

WHAT BOOTS THE SELL?

A Japanese shoemaker near the *China Mail* office (so close to culture yet what leagues away!) announces in big letters in his window a "cheap sell." Is this what Punch calls commercial candour? That is an example of English as it is Japped. How is this for a Portuguese effort? "It is asserted that the woman was coerced to drink a cup of tea mixed with narcotic, producing a somnolent effect on her, and that the robbery was perpetrated whilst she was in this state of inertia." Sure, it sometimes seems as if the funniest things in the *China Mail* are those that don't go in.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 3s. 6 15/16d.

To-day's report shows nine cases of plague.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kamakura Maru* left Nagasaki recently for Brazil with 650 Japanese emigrants.

The s.s. *Lake Placid* from Baltimore was wrecked off Gothenburg on May 20 and sank in five minutes. The crew of thirty-seven were saved.

In Kobe harbour on May 25 lightning struck and damaged the N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru*, the T.K.K. s.s. *Choyo Maru*, and a steam launch the *Hiro Maru*.

The total output of the Kailan Administration's mines for the week ending May 31, amounted to 69,195 tons and the sales during the period, to 67,376 tons.

The Donaldson Liner *Cassandra*, 8,000 tons, struck an iceberg off Cape Race on May 25 and was badly damaged. The vessel proceeded to St. John's, N.F.

The boycott of Japanese goods and shipping is very active in Hupoh, and leaflets have been freely scattered among the people calling on them to carry it out thoroughly.

During May 900 Orientals were smuggled into Queensland. The men were brought on pearling vessels and landed in collapsible boats, which were burned on the beaches.

The C.N. s.s. *Tungshai*, on the journey from Weikawei, sighted what appeared to be a capsized junk about 150 miles north of Shanghai. On closer investigation it proved to be a dead whale about 70-ft. long.

Mr. D. Forbes, the manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, has gone on leave. He left for England via Hongkong on the morning of June 11. Mr. N. R. Armistage has been appointed to succeed Mr. Forbes.

Mr. J. Wicheil, manager of the King Edward Hotel has just been discharged from the Government Civil Hospital where he had been an inmate for a fortnight suffering from blood poisoning in the leg due to the bite of a centipede.

The Harvard Musical Comedy Co. have changed their programme. Instead of opening here in a few days they leave by the *Acher* for Vladivostok to perform for the American troops. They will come to Hongkong again later.

The Tamura Kisen Kaisha and the Kyodo Gyogo Kaisha are establishing a new company under the name of the Japan Trawling Company with a capital of ¥10,000,000 and have ordered trawlers from the Osaka Ironworks.

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There died at the International Hospital, Hankow, Captain H. St. J. Murphy of the C. I. & E. Lumber Company's s.s. *Tsueangah*. Captain Murphy was for some time in the Hongkong-Manila line of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company, and left to take up the business of diving in Hongkong. He went to Shanghai about two years ago and joined the *Tsueangah* as chief officer, obtaining command of her on the completion of the new vessel.

Of the crew of 35 of the Ellerman-Watson s.s. *Hidalgo*, which foundered in the Arctic Sea while on a voyage to Archangel, who spent five days and nights in an open boat, 15 perished. There was a scanty supply of water, which was exhausted in two days. Finally several of them, unable to resist the temptation, drank salt water, with the result that they became demented, and the others had a terrible time trying to restrain them. The bodies of five dead men were still lying in the boat when sighted, and eventually the survivors reached a remote island on the Norwegian coast, all badly frost-bitten.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rheus, Kishan Maru, Tungshing, Kwachow, Borneo Maru, Kaito Maru and Hawaii Maru, are late shipping arrivals.

Word has been received that the Thomas Aerial Express Company in England is planning to send mails from England to Japan by airplane via India and Shanghai.

During May 44,500 tons of Japanese ships were released from charter, and it is generally supposed that their charter parties will not be renewed in view of the present market situation.

The China Mail s.s. Company plans to expand its shipping facilities by the increase of American capital. Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of 27 new ships of a total tonnage of 433,000.

The s.s. *Kaito Maru*, 12,500 tons, built at the Asano Dock Yard for the Katsuda K.K. is the largest Japanese cargo-boat afloat. On her speed trials she averaged 15.77 knots per hour.

The latest name we have heard mentioned as the new Straits Governor and High Commissioner F.M.S. is that of Major Sir J. R. Chancellor, R.E., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. Governor of Trinidad, M. M.

The German vessels in Chilean ports have been allotted to the United States. There are 84 vessels in all, of 318,000 gross tons, being 32 steamers, of 185,220 gross tons, and 52 sailing vessels, of 132,971 tons.

The O.S.K. s.s. *America Maru*, while en route from Keelung to Moji on May 20, collided with the s.s. *Mikado Maru* of the Tanaka Mining Company, in a thick fog. Both vessels were damaged, but this did not prevent them from continuing their voyages.

A deadlock has been caused by the decision of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union not to allow Chinese crews in future to work on British merchant ships trading to Chinese ports. Union officials declare that their motto is "British first," and point out that there are about 6,000 registered out-of-work British seamen in Liverpool, and that a similar state of affairs exists at other ports. Nearly 1,000 Chinese are now unemployed in Liverpool.

Japanese shipping companies are embarrassed by the tendency among the crews of their steamers to desert at foreign ports. Some of the men join ocean-going vessels with the sole object of deserting in foreign countries. Four men employed on board the N.Y.K. s.s. *Tokushima Maru* deserted at New York on December 11, while three men of the s.s. *Kyoko Maru* did the same at Seattle on April 14.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

TELEPHONE. (O).—President Wilson's first term was from March 4, 1913 to March 4, 1917. His present term does not expire until March 4, 1921, so you will see that your anxiety as to whether he proposes to "stand again" is a little premature. We guess he won't anyway.

CANTON. (C.Y.).—Educational report duly received. Thanks.

QUZ. (Kowloon).—We do not care to take notice of that sort of thing. They got to live, you know—and if they think that helps 'em, we don't worry.

R.J.P.—It did look rather a sudden pull-up, but it was necessary. The statement was libellous.

J.D.—We thank you for the hint. One of our men was put on that job at once, but found the facts explained in quite another way. Overhead charges by a local firm accounted for the failure to make a profit.

CONSCIENCE.—That's the cream of the joke. How often will we tell you that the *China Mail* has no opinions? It only airs 'em. The readers pick and choose. In this case one of two things must fall, either your belief in conscience, or your approval of its persecution. It is a dilemma that belongs to the nature of things. We didn't invent it. If you think you can reconcile things mutually exclusive, go ahead. Prove it. The *China Mail* airs all arguments just as counsel do. The verdicts are your affair.

STABBED SECOND MATE.

A Chinese quarter-master on board the French liner *Tatone* was remanded this morning on a charge of stabbing the second mate with a knife. Inspector Gordon conducting the prosecution stated that the ship left this port yesterday and complainant was the only witness available at present.

Complainant in the box, said that he assigned the accused to do a certain job. The latter refused, and an altercation ensued. The Captain's appearance temporarily stopped the quarrel, but he (complainant) was stabbed by the accused later on in his cabin.

CROWDED HOTELS.

NOTICE TO LONG-RESIDENT VISITORS.

THREE MONTHS' LIMIT.

The difficulty of getting hotel accommodation in London is becoming more acute. Some of the biggest are increasing their charges.

The problem will continue until the Government release the commandeered hotels, a manager said on April 21. "We turn away daily about 100 applicants. Many arrive by late trains and beg for shelter. Recently a Russian with some friends from the Continent almost went on his knees to get shelter for the night. We made up beds for his party in the lounge and offices. We are booked up for two months and have bookings even for November. I know several business men who stay away from London because of the difficulties of accommodation."

During the war many people escaped household worries by giving up their houses and flats and becoming "permanent" residents at non-residential hotels. The proprietors of the Regent Palace and Strand Palace Hotels have sent the following letter to about 100 clients of long residence—

For some time past we have been receiving many letters from patrons, who at frequent intervals formerly visited our hotels, complaining that they are now repeatedly refused rooms. It is most strongly contended that we are thereby not offering the public in general the facilities for which the hotels were established.

"In order to reduce such complaints to a minimum we have been compelled—most reluctantly—to adopt a regulation that accommodation may not be retained for more than three months."

"In the circumstances, therefore, it becomes necessary for us to request that you will be good enough to let us have possession of your room four weeks from to-day. We very much regret having to pursue this course, but feel that it is only fair in the interests of our clients as a whole."

Mr. Julius Salmon, a director of the company, said: "We feel that those of our visitors who are staying in London for a considerable time should take a flat or house. If all the hotels in London were filled with 'permanent' residents there would be no room for visitors to London at all. Recently a traveller went to 28 hotels before he got a bedroom. We have had over 100 letters from intending visitors, and we have to turn away about 200 people a day. All single beds are booked up to July 19, and double beds to July 19, and then there will be vacancies only on certain days. The notice to the 'permanent' residents is not with a view to financial gain; there will be no increase in prices."

Many of the guests referred to have stayed in the hotels for considerable periods, some have been at the Regent Palace since it was opened in May 1915.—*Daily Mail*.

IN PARLIAMENT.

NO NAVAL VISIT TO U.S.A.

Dr. Macnamara in reply to Viscount Curzon, said it was not proposed that any portion of the Fleet should pay an official visit to the United States at present.

GREATER THAN GRAND FLEET.

In the opinion of the Admiralty, said Dr. Macnamara to Mr. Macmaster, it was not proper to designate the whole Navy by the title of "the Grand Fleet." This was used to designate our main naval force, under a single command and in one theatre of war. The proper designation for the Navy as a whole was "His Majesty's Navy" or "the British Navy," both of which designations had associations that could not be equalled.

TREASURY'S INSURANCE PROFITS.

Mr. Chamberlain informed Mr. Bottomley that he did not propose to apply any portion of the sum in the hands of the Treasury in respect of premiums on aircraft insurance policies to the relief of cases of special hardship among sufferers from enemy air raids.

Mr. Bottomley asked if the Chancellor proposed to keep the whole £10,000,000.

Mr. Chamberlain: I propose to keep whatever balance there is.

Mr. Bottomley: Heartless Chancellor. (Laughter.)

THE CASEMENT BRIGADE.

Viscount Peel told Lord Willoughby de Broke, in the House of Lords, that the question of whether any action should be taken against the repatriated men who joined the so-called Casement Brigade in Germany was being considered. The men were not in custody, but their whereabouts were known.

SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.

DIARRHOEA is always more or less prevalent during this weather. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It can always be depended upon. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

QUITE SIMPLE.

Those who have come to understand that thought as a process is unconscious, (except in certain occasional culminations within us) will have no difficulty in understanding that life and thought are fundamentally the same. What we become aware of are the relatively crescendo passages of thought in the harp of thought, viz., the brain, where the branching filaments of the brain cells act as ushers and collectors of the wave-into-whirl elements or psychos, that come from without. This is a bald statement, which takes no account of our faculty of composing synthesising the elements of experience. Putting it in one sentence, the latter is the resultant of ancestral experience, which dates back to the gaseous nebula whence a solar system takes its origin. Recent work on the nature of the atom, particularly on the ultimate particles of electrons of which atoms are built inevitably form definite and constant geometrical arrangements according to their number. Thus form and rhythm are concomitant at the root of being. Here we must look for the intuitive truth which rings true to all experience.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

The Pharmacy	50.00
Special contributions per Mrs. Coxson To	40.00
Mrs. E. Coppin	20.00
United Asbestos Oriental Agency	10.00
Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co.	10.00
N. Yamagata Esq.	10.00
M. S. Sasson Esq.	10.00
Messrs. Bismarck & Co.	5.00
D. H. Cooper & Co.	5.00
J. Bentley Esq.	5.00
S. P. A.	5.00
A. Morris Esq.	5.00
Messrs. Komor & Komor	5.00
Ullmann & Co.	5.00
J. F. Miller Esq.	5.00
E. D. Kotewal Esq.	5.00

WONG YAN'S COMINGS AND GOINGS.

Wong Yan has the same regard for Hongkong that the wild tribesmen have for the Afghan villages, or that the Huns had for French chateaux. To him Hongkong is a city full of loot. For helping himself he was banished in 1912. He came back, and again the outspread wealth of the place overcame his scruples. The police were busy enough and didn't want such regular custom. They got him banished again. He couldn't stay away. This time they have put him in the strong room for fifteen months. He adept at "picking and stealing" is now at specialise in picking. They call it cakum.

FRENCH CONSUL ENTERTAINED.

Mr. C. H. P. Hay, Chairman of the Hongkong Club, presided over a large gathering of members on Wednesday night. The occasion was to bid goodbye and *bon voyage* to M. Paul Kremer, who has been French Consul here, and who left by the *Empress of Asia* yesterday. Among other members of the French community present were: MM. de Jernel, Hauchecorne, Colin, Sire, Tourlet, Lapicque, Floquet and Gony.

After the toasts of H.M. the King and the President of France had been honoured, Mr. C. H. P. Hay, the Chairman, proposed the toast of their guest in a happy speech. He emphasised the fact that M. Kremer was one of the most popular figures in the Colony. During the eleven years he had been in the local French Consulate, all who had come into contact with him had learnt his real worth. Mr. Hay also referred to the keen interest M. Kremer took in racing, asking those present to "Bend Or" and "Swallow" the contents of their glasses. They all hoped he would return to Hongkong.

M. Kremer, who met with a great reception thanked his friends for the honour they had done him, and hoped that he would be sent back to Hongkong where he had so many genuine friends.

Messrs. E. G. Anderson, G. F. Dumbarton, and many others contributed a musical programme which helped to extend the function, which was one of the most enjoyable that has taken place at the Club.

It is not likely that M. Kremer will return to Hongkong. By many kind deeds and quiet generosity, he has made himself one of the best liked residents in the Colony. He goes to Ningpo to meet his brother, who is Commissioner of Customs there, and will pass through Hongkong on his way to France on the s.s. *Nara*.

M. Hauchecorne, who arrived in the Colony recently from Poochow, where he had been attached to the Consulate, will succeed M. Kremer. M. Hauchecorne has been in the French Consular Service for the past 15 years, having served at Pakhoi, Swatow and Chefoo.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

THE LOCAL SITUATION.

In another column will be found a report of the rather drastic action taken by a London Hotel management, in consequence of the lack of accommodation for visitors in London.

Knowing that the Hotel situation in Hongkong is acute, a China Mail reporter visited the leading hotels yesterday and sought the views of the management on the subject from a local point of view. The information gathered is that there is no doubt that the hotel accommodation is totally inadequate. Visitors arriving here and experiencing the greatest difficulty in getting a hotel. As showing how short the accommodation is, three gentlemen slept in the sitting room of a hotel last night on Wednesday night. There are other instances that could be related to prove the shortage of accommodation, but no need is needed.

Permanent residents have just slight qualms as to their position when more visitors come. So far as can be ascertained there is no intention of using the methods adopted in London. The Hongkong Hotel will soon have solved the question for itself as they will have the Republic Bay Hotel for local permanent residents and visitors. Every hotel seems to be full and in one case at least, a number of people want to reside permanently in the Hotel but the management have had to decline, feeling bound to reserve some accommodation for visitors.

It will be noticed that the Hotels have cut down the bar accommodation to almost a minimum, moving with the times in eliminating the bar for the lounge and entertainment style.

This brought up the question of bar accommodation. No body seems to realise that next winter if we will see some thousands of sailors and soldiers here. When in town they will want somewhere to go for entertainment. They will not want to stick to the everyday routine. When out in town they will want a change. Shipping is expected to increase, which means more shipping men ashore. All these will add to the numbers already using the two hotels which are inadequate and have not the accommodation to provide rooms for refreshments for any large influx of men into the Colony which must come in a short while. A naval and military club near the heart of the city would help.

It looks as if the question will soon arise as to whether it was wise to close all the smaller hotels, which had their particular patrons. Such regrettable scenes as was recently witnessed at the Naval Quarters might have been avoided had there been some where else for the men to have gone to.

GARRISON TENNIS LEAGUE.

No. 89 CO. R.G.A. "A" v. R.A.M.C. "B".

This match was played at Lyman on Tuesday and won by the R.G.A. by 38 games. Scores:—Capt. Lucy and Sergt. Athorne, R.G.A., beat Pte. Roberts and Pte. Ricks, 7-2; beat Cpl. Ellaby and Pte. Cresdee, 6-3; beat Cpl. Woolman and Cpl. Horrocks, 8-1.

Lieut. Mann and Bdr. Green, R.G.A., beat Roberts and Ricks, 7-2; beat Ellaby and Cresdee, 8-1; beat Woolman and Horrocks, 6-3.

Bdr. Nichols and Cnr. Perkins, R.G.A., beat Roberts and Ricks, 7-2; beat Woolman and Horrocks, 5-4; lost to Ellaby and Cresdee 3-6.

Totals: 89th CO. R.G.A. "A" 57 games; R.A.M.C. "B" 24 games.

R.A.O.C. v. 89th CO. R.G.A. "B".

Played at Happy Valley and won by R.A.O.C. by 25 games. Scores:—Rev. Bunde and Sub Con. Harding, R.A.O.C., beat Lieut. Hooper and Q.M.Sgt. White, 5-4; beat Sergt. Lacey and Gunner Middleton, 5-4; beat Gunners Newham and Jones, 7-2.

Capt. Mann and Staff Sergt. Prior, R.A.O.C., beat Hooper and White, 5-4; beat Lacey and Middleton, 6-3; beat Newham and Jones, 0-0.

Staff Sergts. Gibbons and Houghton, R.A.O.C., beat Hooper and White, 5-4; lost to Lacey and Middleton, 4-5; beat Newham and Jones, 7-2.

Totals: R.A.O.C., 53 games; 89th CO. R.G.A., 28 games.

JAPANESE OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

Two Japanese employed on board the *Tsuan Maru* were remanded by Magistrate Hutcheson this morning on a charge of attempting to smuggle 185 tons of opium into the Colony. Defendants were also committed to stand their trial at the Supreme Court, on a further charge of attempting to bribe a Revenue Officer. The first accused, who will be charged at the Supreme Court, (Lougher).

TARDY TELEGRAPHY.

HOPE OF LESS DELAY.

A China Mail reporter paid a visit to the Supdt. of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. hoping to get some good news about the telegraphic service.

Speaking to the local Supdt. our man asked: "What is the delay at present on a telegram to London?"

About the same as a telegram from London.

What is that?

About five or six days.

We had a telegram on Wednesday dated June 1. That makes seven days.

Yes.

How does that compare with previous?

Before the war we used to get them through the same day.

Does the fact that the telegrams pass through the Censor's hands help to delay them?

I cannot say anything that concerns the censorship.

But the delay used to be a fortnight, now there are as many or more messages going and you have reduced it to five days. Is it due to internal improvements?

One cable had been repaired which has helped a lot. We hope to get back to our pre-war record of which we are proud. For 50 years we got telegrams through in 10 days.

How about delayed telegrams, what delay is there on them?

More than on the others, about two days longer.

Do you reply to the sender of a telegram who may ask you if his telegram has yet been despatched?

That is a matter for the Censor.

But supposing the Censor stops a telegram being sent do you inform the sender and refund the money?

If a telegram is stopped by any Censor *en route* we refund the money for the unpaid portion of the cable.

That isn't what I mean. Supposing the Censor stops message do you tell the would-be sender and refund the money?

That is known only by the Censor. For instance it would not do to let a spy know his message was stopped.

Admitted, but supposing it was not a question of espionage but derogatory or considered by the Censor derogatory to the Governor or other highly placed official would you do so then?

Well you see it's out of our hands, the whole thing is arranged by the Government.

Does your company pay all these censors?

I don't know.

They are paid by the Government, you don't pay them do you?

They are not on our staff.

People say that if there was more cable competition there would be a better service and cheaper rates?

Our company is probably the only one that has not increased its charges during the war. With all the protesting that has been going on we have not raised our charges.

Will the censorship soon be removed and will its removal improve the service?

I cannot say anything about the censorship.

A NEW PUBLIC CLOCK.

BY MESSRS. ULLMANN & CO.

To-day appears outside the premises of Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co., the well-known Paris jewellers, a two-faced clock. One face inclines toward both Queen's Road to the East, and Wyndham Street and the other gives the time of day along Queen's Road to the West.

The clock is of a well-tried type that is in use by most of the railway companies in Europe. It is worked by a special movement that also works yet another face to the clock that is inside Messrs. Ullmann's shop. The clock will probably be working to-morrow.

A China Mail man had a chat with the manager about the clock. He said it was much commented upon by tourists that there are no official clocks in Hongkong. They think the Government should provide electrically-lighted clocks in all the principal streets. Thereupon Messrs. Ullmann did what they could to supply the deficiency and put this public convenience outside their shop.

ARMED ROBBERY IN TOWN.

BIG HAUL OF JEWELLERY.

No. 8 Hilder Street, second floor, was the scene of another armed robbery in the early hours of yesterday morning.

It appears that two women occupying the floor in question were soundly asleep when a couple of armed men entered the room and covering one of the occupants of the room with a pistol demanded her keys. She complied, and the men opened a box underneath the bed, stole money and jewellery to the value of \$1,700, and effected their escape unimpeded.

LOCAL BOXING.

PROPOSED STADIUM.

That enterprising syndicate which has transformed the erstwhile Belle View Hotel into the attractive Ming Yuen Gardens are imbued with greater ambition yet as regards the greater facilities of the gardens.

The proposition is afoot, and has received the favourable consideration of the syndicate, to erect a boxing stadium at the Ming Yuen Gardens. A local boxing enthusiast is going to lend his expert advice.

The Ming Yuen Gardens will afford ample room for a boxing stadium. It is intended to have a covered building that will hold some thousands of spectators and be a worthy venue for championship boxing contests of the Orient.

With so many sailors and soldiers shortly to be here, always a productive field for boxing talent, there will no lack of attractive programmes once the Stadium is erected.

As announced in the China Mail yesterday, Corpl. Victor Scott, R.E., our heavy-weight champion, and a real good fighter, is coming back to Hongkong.

The boxing public dearly loves heavy weight contests. The Navy have always provided capital exponents of the noble art who aspire to heavy-weight championship honours, and with Corpl. Scott here to defend his title, first class battles seem assured.

Of light and middle weight there is always a plethora of talent, which should encourage the promoters to go ahead with their scheme.

The only difficulty seems to be the site of the building. Some of the careful kind have suggested a building that will accommodate 2,000 to 3,000. Others more optimistic, but less cautious, boldly advocate a stadium to hold 8,000.

The China Mail hopes to give more details about the stadium when a definite scheme has been decided upon.

JEWELLERS BEWARE!

A THEORY.

On Wednesday night or in the early hours of yesterday, burglars tried to enter the premises of Messrs. Sheriff, Queen's Road. The padlock was tampered with but the burglars must have been disturbed. Had they succeeded in opening the padlock they still had the other lock in the door and an alarm to deal with. The padlock which was tampered with has been replaced by a similar one and another also for additional security.

The Manager informed a China Mail reporter that he strongly suspects a Chinese, well dressed, who came into his shop on Wednesday as having something to do with the affair. This man came in ostensibly to buy but although shown many articles he bought nothing. But he had a good look all round the shop.

As the shop was being closed on Wednesday two small Chinese were carefully watching the proceedings at close quarters. The Manager drove them off but they were unduly curious and watched from the gutter. This conveyed no suspicion at the time but in view of after events gave reason for the belief that they were in league with the would-be burglars of the shop.

Messrs. Sheriff have a very valuable stock.

A FIGHT.

Despite the recent cases before the Magistrates of fighting among Chinese from the China Sugar Refinery, there was another set-to last night at Jardine's Bazaar about 6 p.m., we are informed by a reader who was passing by on a tramcar.

This affair was on a smaller scale, about a dozen being concerned. The lack of numbers was almost made up for by the determination of the parties. Sticks, bamboo, stones and fists were used with freedom. There were no Police on the spot at the time.

H.K. TENNIS LEAGUE.

Queen's College v. Chinese Recreation Club "B" Played on Thursday 12th, at Q. C. Queen's College Q. C. Ground won by 67 games to 32 games scores:—

Kay and Forster, Queen's College, beat Mok and Cheong 10-1, beat Choa and Cheong 8-3, lost to Wong and Ng, 5-6.

Crook and Ismail, Queen's College, beat Mok and Cheong 8-3, beat Choa and Cheong 9-2, lost to Wong and Ng, 4-7.

Yvanovich and Rumiann, Queen's College, beat Mok and Cheong 6-5, beat Ng and Wong 10-1, beat Choa and Cheong 7-4.

STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

NO end of misery and actual suffering is caused by disorder of the stomach and liver, and may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Give them a trial. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

TALK WITH A SPIRIT.

"SWAMPED BY SCOFFERS."

Apparently Sir A. Conan Doyle is incurable. Speaking at a memorial service held by the Spiritualists' National Union in the Royal Albert Hall on April 27, Sir Arthur described the results of a seance at which the spirit of a man of the 7th Division gave his impressions of the memorial service held some time ago in the same hall. The seance, Sir Arthur said, was held on the day after the solemn religious service to commemorate the part taken by the first seven divisions in the war. The first communication by the man was that he regretted that his friends at the table had been unable to get tickets for the meeting, as they had tried to do. The leader of the seance asked the spirit, "Have you anything more to say?" and the reply was, "There was too much ceremony. All of us felt out of it."

Thereafter the dialogue ran as follows: "We are very interested. Was there anything more?" "They praised the dead. We are not dead. They did not see us."

"Then you are disappointed?" "Yes, a bit."

"Some people surely felt that you were here?" "Many did, but they were swamped by the scoffers and the unbelievers."

"Were most of those who passed away in the seven divisions there?" "Yes, they were there."

The spiritualistic movement, Sir Arthur said, had recently been passing through a crisis of contention and of argument, and many sensitive souls felt it very much that a matter which was so delicate, and concerned those whom they had lost, should be exposed to that unseemly levity which was so often the only weapon with which their opponents could attack them. None the less, they were out to fight. Though they had in front of them a whole Hindenburg line of ignorance and prejudice, and plenty of theological barbed wire, they were going to smash through because they had a case which could not be beaten. They were not there that night to argue and to dispute; they got enough of that elsewhere. This was joyful reunion, because the dark days were gone. The Army was largely impregnated with spiritualistic doctrines. He knew of one brave Army Commander who was a good Spiritualist and would rejoice to address his vanished men in the same way as Admiral Togo did when he invoked his dead seamen, and out of respect for them, told them the issue of the Japanese War. Because that was the one thing that cast a cold cloud upon their perfect happiness. The spirits also asked them not to regard the vanished as things forgotten and done with, but as still in the family circle.

THE POOR VICAR.

CHURCHWARDEN'S PROT ST.

The recent plaint of the Rev. W. V. Mason, vicar of St. Aidan's Church, Leeds, about his poverty, which he described as so acute that he could not even afford a new pair of boots, and showed that after meeting his household expenses he was actually in debt at the year's end on the amount of his stipend, was referred to at the vestry meeting of the church. It will be recollected that Mr. Mason appealed for a generous Easter offering, adding, "and, perhaps I may be able to afford both a new pair of boots and a holiday."

Apparently his appeal met with a substantial response, as it was announced at the meeting that the Easter Day offering amounted to £47, as against £25 last year.

Mr. C. Byndon Smith, one of the churchwardens, protested against the style of the vicar's complaint. It would have been sufficient, he thought, to have given a bare statement of the facts, without putting them into a form which inevitably left it open for the whole thing to be reduced to ridicule, and had made the vicar of St. Aidan's open to be pilloried in the Press of the country as the poor parson who could not afford to buy a pair of boots. He accordingly made a protest. He did not think it was dignified, and it was certainly not in keeping with the high traditions which they were entitled to have respected by those in authority in the parish.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months mothers should watch for any unnatural looseness of the child's bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Cough and Diarrhea Remedy is always depended upon. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

T. DAIGO, Manager.

Hongkong, June 13, 1919.

"MICKEY."

SUICIDE AND SYMPATHY.

A HARD LUCK STORY.

He came to Hongkong to seek a friend, but failed to find him. His money was spent, he had beri-beri. He jumped off the *Sai Tai* steamer going to Macao, but wasn't allowed to drown. They fished him out and emptied him of bilge, and brought him before a Magistrate. He was in luck at last. It was Mr. Hutchison, and that gentleman had compassion on him. Inspector Gordon also spoke up for him kindly. He was given some good advice and \$3 out of the poor box.

THE REAL, RIGHT JAZZ.

London has had many specimens of "jazz" lately, and more than one jazz-band has claimed an earlier title than all others. It appears, however, that all we have had so far has been mere imitation, and that the real jazz band will only be heard shortly. The real jazz band consists of piano, clarinet, cornet, and trombone. The tune is defined as "a harmonious melody in syncopated rhythm." But the business of the authentic jazz player does not consist merely in blowing an instrument. He must at certain times imitate peculiar noises—the skidding of a motor-car or the screams of a naughty child. The most redoubtable dances are called "Barn-door Blues" and "Tiger Rag."

The jazz and the jazz band come to us from New Orleans, and the name is said to derive from the expression used by niggers to approve of a thing, "Jazz so" (we await confirmation of this). The American origin of the thing is obvious, but in the days when Germans used to claim German origin for most things musicians would probably have pointed out that the originator of the screaming baby as well as of bleating sheep was no less a personage than Richard Strauss.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, June 13, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

THE Steamship

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Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's godown, where same will be examined; on Friday, June 20th, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the steamer or godown and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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T. DAIGO, Manager.

Hongkong, June 13, 1919.

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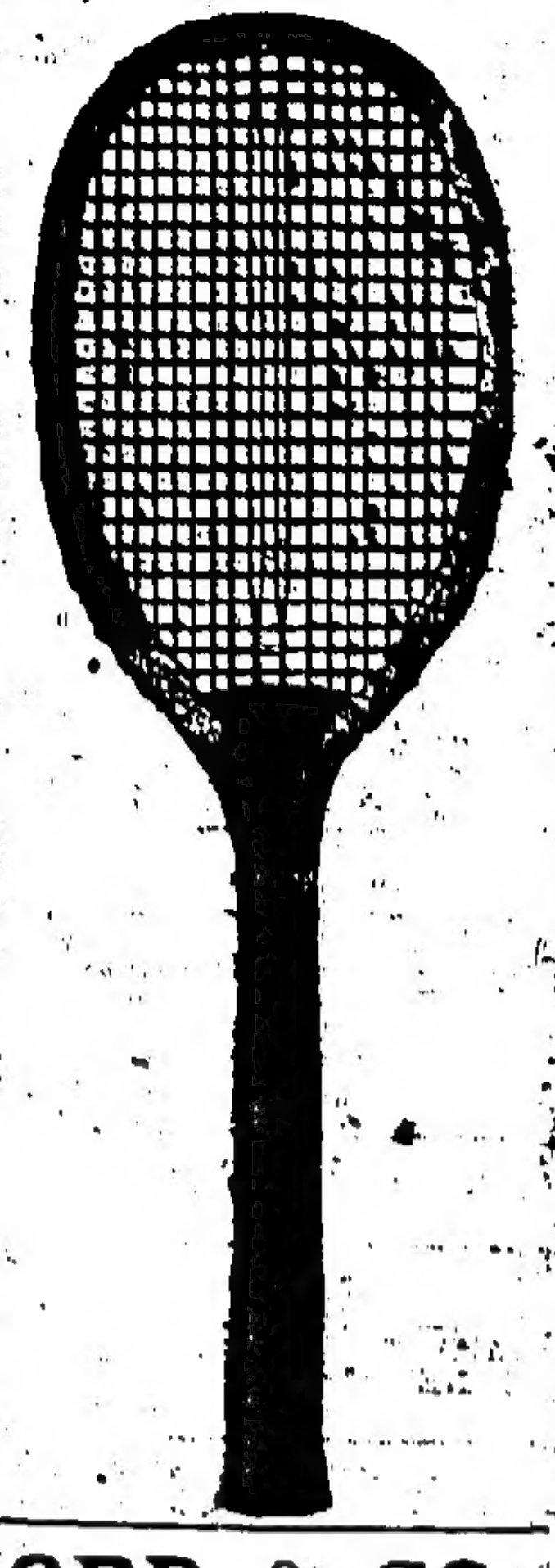
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WUHAN, CHEFOO & KIANTSI	SUNING	June 16, at Noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	CHANGHONG	June 17, at 11 a.m.
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TIENSIN	CHONGSHING	FRIDAY, June 20, Daylight.
MANILA	YUNSHANG	FRIDAY, June 20, at 3 p.m.
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LORD FRENCH BEGINS IT

It is not fair to expect a mind to be good at one trade because he has thriven at another. So, in reading the first chapter of "1914—Lord French's war-book—in the Daily Telegraph, one tries hard to stifle a wish that Lord French should, in the higher sense, write. For of course it is no more reasonable to expect him to have Mr. Alcock's talent than it would be to expect him to have Mr. Baring's or Mr. Paderewski's (his musical one). Lord French has a few new things to say about the first days of the war. One is his assertion that for some days after we declared war it was quite unsettled what the British Expeditionary Force was to do. That the decision was postponed until a French Military Mission, headed by Colonel Hugnot, arrived on August 10, six days after war was declared. Then there was an extensive exchange of views between soldiers and Ministers, and many conflicting opinions were expressed. The soldiers themselves were not agreed. Lord Kitchener thought that our position on the left of the French line at Marbais would be too exposed, and rather favoured a concentration further back, in the neighbourhood of Amiens. Sir Douglas Haig suggested postponing any landing till the campaign had actively opened and we should be able to judge in which direction our co-operation would be most effective. Personally I was opposed to these ideas and most anxious to adhere to our original plans.

Another point of interest is the difficulty which, according to Lord French, was placed in the way of the defence of Belgium by the rigour with which she evidently interpreted her own obligations of neutrality. Belgium remained a "dark horse" up to the last, and it is most unfortunate that she could never be persuaded to decide upon her attitude in the event of a general war. All we ever had in our mind was defence against attack by Germany. We had guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium, and all reports pointed to an intention by Germany to violate that neutrality. What we desired, above all things, was that Belgium should resist the danger which subsequently hid her waste. We were anxious that she should co-operate in her own defence. The idea of attacking Germany through Belgium, or in any other direction, never entered our heads.

Lord French, like others, has his recollection of an interview with the Kaiser (in 1911), in which the Kaiser's attitude of naive boastfulness and semi-jocular intimidation seems now like that of a man with a sense of impending destruction and mysteriously impelled to say the things to which time would give the greatest measure of poetic irony. We fear there is just a touch of this irony, too, in the passage in which Lord French speaks of the peculiarities of modern warfare.

It is easy to be "wise after the event," but I cannot help wondering why none of us realised what the most modern rifle, the machine-gun, motor traction, the aeroplane, and wireless telegraphy would bring about. It seems so simple when judged by actual results. I feel sure in my own mind that had we realised the true effect of modern appliances on war in August, 1914, there would have been no retreat from Mons. It required the successive attempts of Maunoury, Castelnau, Foch, and myself to turn the German flanks in the north in the old approved style, and the practical failure of these attempts to bring home to our minds the true nature of war as it is today.

Ah! yes. On the Allied side in the west a Commander-in-Chief with the scientific vision of a man of military genius might have ended the war in 1914. As it is, we had generals of experience, devotion, courage, honour, standard professional efficiency, but, like the rest of us, they did not penetrate to the real nature of causes until their effects had actually occurred. One great strategic imagination of either side would have seen the effect latent in the cause, and won the war at the cost of a few thousands of lives. We cannot demand genius; we can only give thanks when we get it, and, in all things, make arrangements for its gem to be allowed to develop, wherever any wind of chance may cause it to fall. Looking back on this war, with its honest, plodding, competent, ungifted strategy and tactics, and its fearful cost, one wonders whether our past means of obtaining Regular officers, and the school education that most of them get, have been such as to give England a fair chance of raising to maturity any seed of military genius that might fall on her soil.

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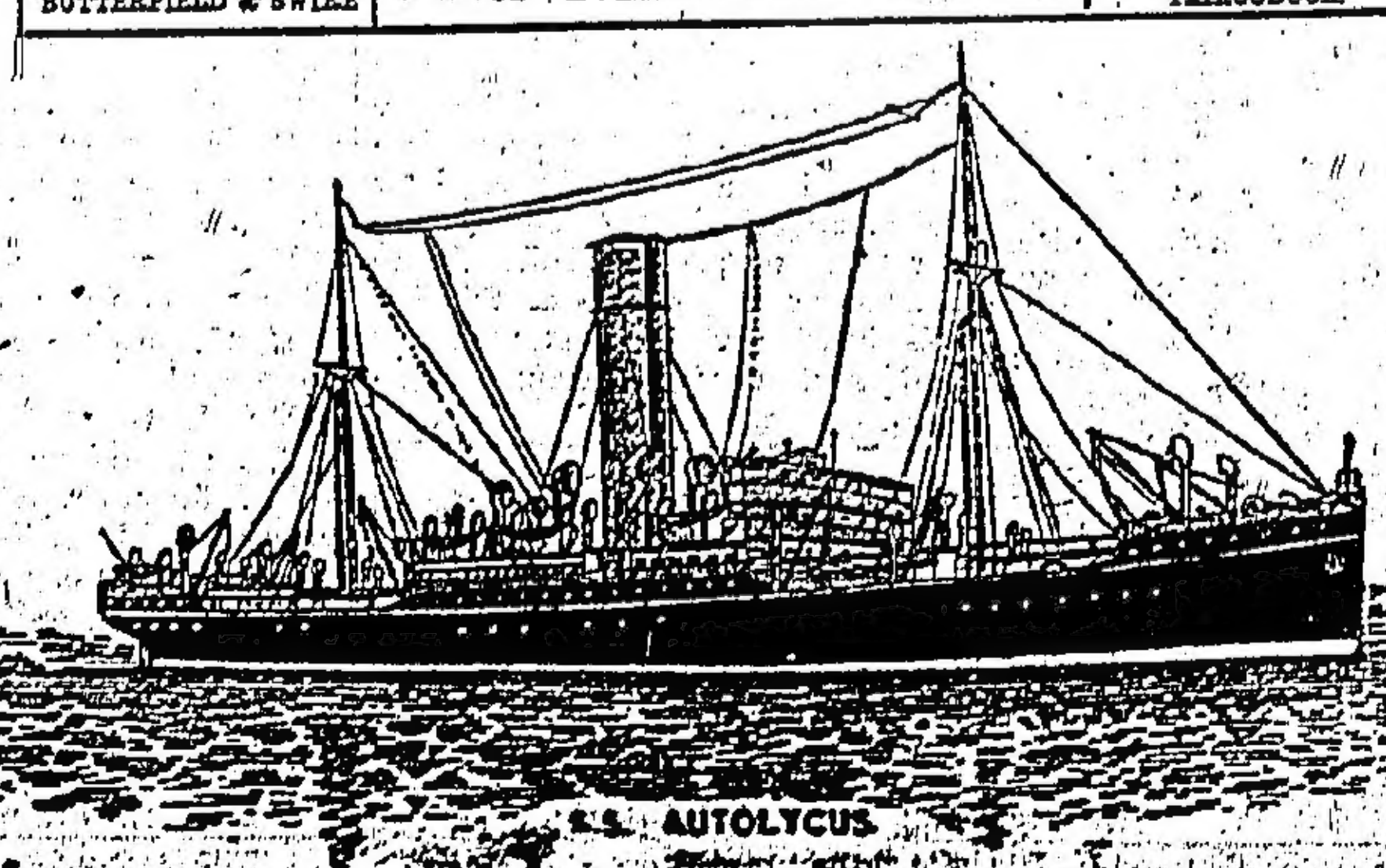
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1. By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council, I have made a new valuation of the whole Colony.

2. The result of the new valuation is that the Rateable Value of the whole Colony has increased from \$15,638,736 to \$16,304,801, an addition of \$666,065 or 4.25 per cent.

3. The City of Victoria.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$12,745,555 to \$13,154,420, an addition of \$408,865 or 3.20 per cent.

4. The Hill District.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$324,195 to \$342,745, an addition of \$18,550 or 5.72 per cent.

5. Shaukiwan, Saiswanho, and Quarry Bay.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$405,200 to \$409,155, an addition of \$3,955 or 0.97 per cent.

6. Hongkong Villages.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$240,599 to \$269,857, an addition of \$29,258 or 12.20 per cent.

7. Kowloon Point.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$647,400 to \$709,565, an addition of \$62,165 or 9.61 per cent.

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12. New Kowloon.—The Rateable Value has increased from \$124,743 to \$143,090, an addition of \$18,347 or 14.70 per cent.

13. Vacant Tenements.—The number of tenements reported to be vacant averaged about 110 monthly, approximately the same number as last year.

14. Interim Valuations.—Between July 1, 1918, and May 1, 1919, 688 Interim Valuations were made as follows:—

	CITY OF VICTORIA.		REST OF COLONY.	
	No.	Rateable Value.	No.	Rateable Value.
New or rebuilt tenements and tenements structurally altered.....	257	240,280	238	117,802
Assessments cancelled, tenements resumed, pulled down or being in other respects not rateable.....	65	100,700	108	29,266
Number and increase.....	242	\$139,580	346	\$88,536

15. The following Table gives a comparison of the Assessments for 1918-1919 and 1919-1920:—

District.	Valuation 1918-1919.	Valuation 1919-1920.	Increase	Per cent.
The City of Victoria	\$12,745,555	\$13,154,420	\$408,865	3.20
Hill District and Hongkong Villages	969,994	1,021,877	51,883	5.34
Kowloon Point and Kowloon Villages with New Kowloon	1,923,087	2,128,504	205,417	10.68
Total.....	\$15,638,736	\$16,304,801	\$666,065	4.25

16. Comparative Statement showing the Rateable Value of the Colony of Hongkong in each of the ten years from 1910-1911 to 1919-1920 inclusive:—

Year.	Rateable Value.	Increase as compared with previous year.	Decrease as compared with previous year.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease as compared with the previous year.
1910-11	\$11,082,179	331,277	...	3.08 Increase.
1911-12	11,161,390	79,211	...	0.71 do.
1912-13	12,312,306	1,150,916	...	10.31 do.
1913-14	12,435,812	123,506	...	1.03 do.
1914-15	14,410,103	1,974,291	...	15.87 do.
1915-16	14,287,285	...	122,818	0.85 Decrease.
1916-17	14,282,186	...	5,099	0.03 do.
1917-18	14,410,153	127,967	...	0.89 Increase.
1918-19	15,638,736	1,228,583	...	8.52 do.
1919-20	16,304,801	666,065	...	4.25 do.

17. In the ten years 1910-1911 to 1919-1920 the Rateable Value has increased by \$5,222,622 or 47.12 per cent. Since I took over the duties of Assessor in 1889 the Rateable Value has increased by no less than \$13,021,522 or 396.60 per cent.

18. Staff.—During my absence on leave from May 22 to September 5, 1918, Mr. David Wood, acted as Assessor. Mr. Chu Tsau-hing and Mr. So Shing-hon have discharged their duties as Interpreter and Clerk respectively to my satisfaction.

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A dispatch from Vienna via Zurich, states that a political affair of some magnitude has been caused by an advertising circular issued by the Modeston fuer Englische Herren-garderobe of Oppengasse 16, Vienna. This firm, which supplies all articles of men's clothing, wrote as follows in the circular:—

"Five years of complete isolation from England have produced a demoralising effect on the exterior appearance of gentlemen in Austria. The cylinder (silk) hat has entirely disappeared. Lounge suits are worn at all times of the day and for all sorts of functions. Morning coats are worn at the Opera and at dinner. Lounge suits are worn in the enclosures of our racetracks.

"Our contention is that all these things are due to the loss of the example given by England. Now, the errors of the last few years must be remedied. Vienna must again become a city of well-dressed and well-groomed gentlemen. To do this we must again copy the London fashions and imitate English gentlemen.

"AN ENGLISH CUTTER."

"With this object in view, we have entered into relations with two eminent tailoring firms in London (Messrs. and Messrs. —), we have engaged a first-class English cutter formerly employed by the eminent London firm of —, we have entered into an arrangement with Messrs. — of London, to supply us with models and designs of the latest London fashions."

The Modeston fuer Englische Herren-garderobe has been violently attacked in the Press for this effusive tribute to London fashions. The Germanophile Press objects to the effort to stimulate English exports, and the Socialist Press strongly criticises the frivolity of devoting so

THE GEDDESSES.

The departure to Canada of Sir Auckland Geddes will to some extent break up the Geddes legend, which has become quite the feature of our times. It is surely odd that Sir Auckland, though he had a job in the war much more conducive to unpopularity than that of his brother, remains by far the more popular of the two. Sir Auckland looks the professor rather than the man of action; there is something scientific even in his speeches, and while, by his deputies, he was tearing men from their homes and businesses, no one ever thought of him except as the man of science scientifically doing the work for which he was chosen. There is nothing provocative about his personality. It is a little the misfortune of Sir Eric (at least as a statesman in a post-war period) that he is flamboyantly the type of the masterful man; it is impossible not to feel that he is rather consciously striving to live up to all the things that Mr. Lloyd George has said of him; he is constantly pushing and going; he is the sort of business man Mr. Cuthbert Hyne would love to draw, very successful but not precisely loved. No one ever grew violently excited about Sir Auckland, but to hear some people in Whitehall discussing on the claims of Sir Eric to be considered a great man is a liberal study in vituperation.

much attention to men's fashions at a time when thoughts ought to be concentrated on political problems. Probably as a result of several bitter articles in Socialist papers a crowd of workmen assembled in front of the Modeston fuer Englische Herren-garderobe, smashed all the windows of the establishment, and booted the proprietors.

SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Mr. C. L. Charles, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kinkiang.

Mr. T. A. Lupton, chief officer, Kinkiang, is on reserve.

Captain G. H. Pennefather, of the Taming, has gone master, Chengtu.

Captain A. Tucker, of the Chengtu, is on reserve.

Mr. J. McInyre, second officer, Yunnan, has gone second officer, Suigang.

Mr. E. D. Blackburn, chief officer, Yunnan, has gone acting master, Kachang.

Mr. J. K. Clark, second officer, Changchow, is on reserve.

Mr. N. Gibson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Changchow.

Mr. H. P. Carter, chief officer, Suigang, is on leave.

Mr. C. B. L. Stringer, second officer, Suigang, is on reserve.

Mr. E. S. Sutton, chief officer, Kweichow, has gone chief officer, Luchow.

Mr. A. C. Dobbie, chief officer, Shensi, has gone chief officer, Kweichow.

Mr. C. Mather, chief officer, Chengtu, has gone chief officer, Suigang.

Mr. R. Umpleby, chief officer, Luchow, has gone chief officer, Shensi.

Mr. E. Harnden, second officer, Suigang, is on reserve.

Mr. D. Alexander, second officer, Fatsien, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Fringle, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Chengtu.

Captain W. G. Cowan, of the Pukioi, is on reserve.

Captain D. H. Martin, from reserve, has gone master, Pukioi.

Captain G. Byers, of the Kachang, is on reserve.

Mr. C. S. McKinley, second engineer, Foyang, has gone second engineer, Hangchow.

Mr. J. Scott, second engineer, Hangchow, has gone second engineer, Poyang.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, second engineer, Kinkiang, is on leave.

Mr. E. Moore, supernumerary third engineer, Hupoh, has resigned.

Mr. A. McGregor, acting chief engineer, Tean, has gone second engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Anderson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Tean.

Mr. J. Robson, second engineer, Huichow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Smith, third engineer, Changchow, has gone third engineer, Pukioi.

Mr. J. D. Richards, third engineer, Sinking, has gone third engineer, Yunnan.

Mr. C. A. Foote has been appointed third engineer, Kaitang.

Mr. F. J. Hendricks, chief officer, Tobolsk, has gone chief officer, Maunang.

Mr. A. Henderson has been appointed third officer, Panyang.

Mr. E. Gresham, second officer, Cheungang, is on reserve.

Mr. F. E. Lane, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Cheungang.

Mr. T. W. Hurley, second officer, Suigang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. L. Walsh, from reserve, has gone supernumerary chief officer, Maunang.

Mr. J. W. Jones, third officer, Suigang, has resigned.

Mr. W. Ryden has been appointed second officer, Hoangang.

Mr. S. E. Firth has been appointed supernumerary second officer, Loongang.

Mr. E. A. N. Sharritt has been appointed third officer, Waishang.

Mr. R. Campbell, third engineer, Suichang, has gone third engineer, Fookang.

Mr. W. A. McLean has been appointed third engineer, Woang.

Mr. J. Bennie, second engineer, Waishang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. Jackson has been appointed second engineer, Waishang.

Mr. N. A. Reid, third engineer, Tobolsk, has gone third engineer, Suichang.

Mr. A. Livingston, chief engineer, Suichang, has gone chief engineer, Takang.

Mr. S. C. Watte, fourth engineer, Suichang, has gone third engineer, Kuangang.

Mr. E. P. Haderup, third engineer, Yuenang, has resigned.

Mr. E. W. Mills has been appointed third engineer, Yuenang.

Mr. J. Burns has been appointed second engineer, Yuenang.

Mr. F. Focitt, fourth engineer, Fookang, has resigned.

Mr. R. Middlemas, third engineer, Fookang, has resigned.

Mr. A. B. C. Newburgh, acting master, Taihuang, has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. R. Doughty, chief officer, Cheungang, is on reserve.

Mr. T. Harnden, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Cheungang.

Mr. G. Cosciani, third engineer, Kiangyue, has gone third engineer, Kwailoo.

Mr. B. Sonoff has been appointed fourth engineer, Kianghain.

Mr. K. K. Voss, from leave, has gone third engineer, Kiangyue.

Mr. J. H. Pennington has been appointed second engineer, Kiangyue.

Mr. J. J. McKinnon, chief engineer, Waishang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. G. Connor, chief officer, Yuyingna, has resigned.

Mr. B. Griffiths, from reserve, has gone master, Maunang.

Mr. A. S. C. Pike, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Maunang.

Mr. A. A. Piffen, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Maunang.

VIOLETS AND DARWIN.

The violet is always the poet's pet emblem of coyness, of maiden-like modesty, gentleness, and humility. Poetically, it may be all these things; but if they were real instead of fanciful qualities the violet (writes "L. F.") would be extinct in our hedgerows, at any rate. During Easter I danced upon the charming white variety of the scented violet, half-strangled in a rude tangle of coarse-fibred grass in a lane in Kent, and I have come to the conclusion that the qualities that really go to make a violet are a dogged and persistent pushfulness, a resolute and tireless determination in waging a battle-royal against overwhelming odds for a place in the sun. For beneath the grass the violet's vigorous network of roots and wiry creeping sections had manifested desperately in all directions. Here and there at intervals along the underground stem shoots of leafage had thrust out and upwards—only to be throttled and boxed down by the impenetrable roof of grass entanglements overhead. Four such attempts had ended abortively, the long leaf stalks beneath the ground looking white and exhausted, like the sickly shoots from potatoes in the dark. Only at the fifth attempt had access to the upper air at last been attained—at the edge of the bank where the grass ended. Thus there was a pathetic cluster of three white violets where there should have been a thriving and fragrant little colony. Curiously enough (continues the correspondent), this bitter fight for a place in the scheme of things was fought within a hundred yards of the house, in the little village of Downe, where the man who first convinced this world of the true significance of the life-struggle process in the development and divergence of animals and plants laboured and died. And I have said misgivings that these dainty white violets of Downe are doomed to die by the hands of still more formidable foes. For Darwin's old house, I find, is now a high school for girls, and these little scented blossoms that have emerged triumphant from their subterranean struggle—pale and breathless, as it were—what feminine fingers will ever resist them? And nature, alas! has not armed the violet with any protective device against humanity's incorrigible love of the beautiful!

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

The New Year honours list, this year "four months behind its time" owing to the Premier's preoccupation with matters of more consequence, is published.

Two barons become viscounts—Lord Burnham and Lord Rothermere, both newspaper proprietors. There are four new peers, all of them with Parliamentary service but none with seats, so that there will be no by-elections.

The twenty-three new baronets include Sir Henry Hibbert, the chairman of the Lancashire Education Committee; Colonel George Dixon and Mr. George Rhodes, deputy lieutenants of Cheshire, who receive the title for public and local services; Mr. Edward Hulton, newspaper proprietor and well known on the turf; Mr. W. T. Madge, managing director of the People; Dr. Norman Moore, president of the Royal College of Physicians; Sir J. D. Rees, M.P.; Sir W. J. Thomas, whose work for the Welsh University is thus recognised; and Mr. G. A. Sutton, who acted as publicity manager in the War Bonds campaign.

The list includes Mr. Reginald Blomfield, R.A., the architect and writer on architecture; Professor Israel Gollanz, the Oriental scholar and secretary of the British Academy; Professor Ridgway, of Cambridge; and Professor R. A. Gregory, of London University.

Mr. Harry Lauder is the first music-hall "star" to receive a knighthood—Mr. George Robey, it will be recalled, received the C.B.E., and the variety theatre proprietors are represented by Mr. Oswald Stoll.

SWEDISH PULP MARKET.

The Swedish Paper and Pulp Manufacturers' Association states that the Swedish pulp market is at present passing through a period of unprecedented depression. The big pulp factories are only receiving occasional orders, sometimes not exceeding ten tons, while the yearly production usually amounts to several tens of thousands. The association has no doubt that a period of serious unemployment will result within the next few months.

Captain J. H. Woolcott, of the Hoising, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Wilson, chief officer, Hoising, has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. J. Stewart, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Hoising.

Mr. A. Campbell, chief officer, Wingan, has gone chief officer, Pukioi.

Mr. J. McMahon, second engineer, Asia, has resigned.

Mr. J. D. Teister, second engineer, Phumpenh, has resigned.

Mr. L. Malaren has been appointed second engineer, Phumpenh.

Shipping and Engineering.

SHANGHAI FIGHT WITH THRILLS IN IT.

On June 4 at H.M. Police Court, F. W. Golding was charged with attempting to murder E. Bliss on May 30. There was also a second charge of carrying a pistol contrary to By-law No. 37.

The complainant, Mr. E. Bliss, manager of the Astor Grill, said the defendant with Messrs. Langley and Smith went to the Astor Grill at about 9 p.m. on Friday. Witness was in the passage way leading upstairs to the first floor. The three went upstairs to get dinner, witness presumed. A few minutes later witness was in the bar room immediately below the dining room. Hearing a commotion he went upstairs, and found Mr. Langley separating defendant and Mr. Smith, the former apparently being the aggressor. Witness ordered them to stop their quarrel. He was not immediately successful. He went to the stairway, who fought witness off. As Smith was quiet witness whispered to him to get out of the way. Smith refused to go and witness took hold of him and took him to the stairway, telling him if he did not go down witness would take him down. Smith went down, witness following him to the door, and returning to Golding, witness asked him to leave. Defendant threatened to whip complainant who took hold of him and with the assistance of Mr. Eddie, proprietor, and some of the boys proceeded to eject the defendant. Langley must have followed along though witness did not notice him until he took Golding along to the car in the street.

Witness took Golding off the sidewalk and told him to go home and behave himself. Defendant said "I will give you a kicking" and started to do it. Witness slapped him and defendant stumbled and fell. He got up, after saying he had had enough, and said "I am going home to get a gun and am coming back to kill you" adding an abusive term. Witness made no reply. Accused then went towards an automobile which was just opposite, and witness returned into the Astor Grill.

About 25 minutes later witness heard one of the boys shout "That trouble man have come back" and witness noticed a man walk past into the side dining room very fast through the passage way. Witness went into the passage and met defendant coming out of the dining room. They were both walking fast and before he realized what had happened the defendant had pushed the weapon near complainant's abdomen and discharged it. Complainant made a quick turn to the side and seized the weapon after it had been fired. He felt the heat of the discharge and thought he was shot. He found out afterwards that his shirt was badly powder burnt and there were three bullet holes in his coat. There was only one shot fired.

A shirt, handkerchief and coat bearing bullet marks were produced. Complainant said afterwards some snookers told him his coat was smouldering.

Having seized the revolver witness struggled to keep it pointed towards the floor. Mr. Eddie seized the accused and assistance was also given by boys and customers. Witness took the revolver away and put it in his pocket, telling a boy to get a policeman. As he gave the order a Sikh policeman came in and witness gave the defendant into custody. Witness went to the Police Station and handed the revolver to the sergeant-in-charge who, examining it, found five live cartridges and one discharged. The bullet apparently either passed through or lodged in the floor as demonstrated by a hole there. It had not been taken out as it would entail considerable expense.

Cross-examined by Mr. Home: He was not wearing a waistcoat at the time. He actually felt the weapon touch his abdomen. The accused did not appear to be drinking at all. He had no drink in the Astor Grill. When he came there he was not drunk nor under the influence of drink.

About 20 people of various nationalities heard the defendant threaten to go away and get a revolver and shoot complainant. There were about five or six people whom witness knew among those who must have heard it, but some had asked him not to mention their names in court.

F. B. Palmer, of the Standard Oil Co., said he was in the Astor Grill with some friends dining, when he heard a commotion in one of the upstairs dining rooms. While witness was at the telephone, he saw Mr. Eddie, and some others carrying a man downstairs. He did not know the man, he was dark, tall and slender. They put him on the feet near the door and took him outside. Then the man and Mr. Bliss struck it an argument and the man struck Mr. Bliss, who hit him and he went down. While on the ground, the man said he would kill complainant. Witness could not remember whether the word "gun" was used. The man went away, and subsequently returned with a gun. Mr. Bliss went to meet the man and a shot was fired. There was some struggle and witness went into the bar with his friends. While he was there the man who fired the revolver came in with his hands up.

The case was adjourned.

SATISFIED.

When the Good Lord fixed the seasons
And arranged the spring and fall,
And the summertime and winter,
And the rain and snow and all,
When He made the storms that bluster
And the little winds that blow,
And the frost that kills the flowers,
And the crocuses that grow—
Oh, I don't mean no irreverence
When I state this mystery:
When the Good Lord fixed the seasons
He must have thought of me.

When I get tired of summer
And I see the blinding heat
Come rippling up and sizzling
From out the blazing street;
When the long hot months have worn me
To a frazzle thickness, then
Things change about, and autumn
Comes flaunting in again!
And I dream of Indian summer
And the fine cool days to be—
When the Good Lord fixed the seasons
He must have thought of me.

And then, when I get restless
And the winter nights are long,
I set there by the fireside
And hear the chimney's song,
In somehow don't seem tiresome
Because I know the year
Is moving round, and springtime
Will pretty soon be here.
Oh, it's fine, Old Nature's changes,
And they suit me to a T!
When the Good Lord fixed the seasons
He must have thought of me.

and said "I will surrender if you will give me my gun." A little after that witness left the building.

C. Eddie, proprietor of the Astor Grill, said he was on the premises when the trouble arose. First he saw the defendant in the hall. He went to one of the dining rooms upstairs; witness did not see any friends go with him. Later witness was informed there was fighting in defendant's dining room, and going there, found the defendant, Mr. Langley and Mr. Smith fighting. Mr. Bliss was also there. Mr. Langley and others told Golding and Smith not to fight, but they did not stop, and complainant held the defendant. Complainant and witness got Mr. Smith to leave and witness returned to the defendant's dining room, where Golding was "kicking up a row." Complainant pulled defendant out of the room and took him downstairs, with the assistance of witness, two boys and a few others. Outside in the street defendant struck Mr. Bliss who retaliated and defendant fell, saying, while on the ground, that he had had enough. Defendant said "Now I am going home and I am going to get a gun and kill you." The complainant did not reply and defendant went away in a motor car. About 20 minutes later the defendant returned looking for the manager. Witness saw complainant and defendant meet in the passage and the defendant fired. Witness seized defendant's leg and pulled him down with the assistance of some of the boys. Witness was only four or five feet away when the shot was fired. He saw the revolver in defendant's hand as he went towards the complainant in the passage.

Cross-examined: He had been proprietor of the Astor Grill for about eight years; and had regularly attended there every day. Sometimes people got the worse for liquor, but then they refused to sell to them. The defendant did not appear to be drunk and had no drink in the Grill; he only ordered food.

A boy, in the upstairs dining room of the Astor Grill, said he served defendant and his companions with food. They did not order any drinks. When the soup came they had an argument, and accused threw his soup at one of his companions, who retaliated. The accused then struck his friend and then the complainant and the proprietor came in. The defendant was eventually got out into the street where accused struck complainant, who returned the blow, whereupon the accused fell. Getting up, he pointed his finger at complainant, said something and went away. Some time later witness, while upstairs, heard a report and going downstairs saw the manager trying to take a revolver from the accused.

A cook in the employ of Messrs. White-Cooper, Oppé and Master, said that accused had a room to himself in the offices. He remembered the accused coming to the office at about 9 o'clock on Friday evening. Witness let him in. Accused went to his room and in a very short time left. He was in the office about two minutes. Accused arrived at the office in a motor.

A bar boy at the Astor Grill gave evidence of warning the complainant of the return of the accused. A short time afterwards he heard a shot, and, looking to see what had happened, saw the man who fired the shot, the complainant and the proprietor struggling on the floor trying to get hold of a revolver which was being held by the man who caused the trouble.

The case was adjourned.

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